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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK  
THERAPY

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IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF

LIANJI JIN

FINAL ORDER OF  
DENIAL OF LICENSURE

TO PRACTICE MASSAGE AND  
BODYWORK THERAPY IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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This matter was opened to the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Lianji Jin submitted an application for licensure by the Board.
2. On Ms. Jin's application, she indicated that she had never been charged with or convicted of any crime or offense.
3. A criminal history background check revealed that Ms. Jin had been arrested on March 6, 2014 and charged with engaging in

prostitution. She was convicted of that offense and assessed a total of \$661 in fines/costs.

4. The applicant indicated that the 2014 arrest took place at Life Therapy Spa in East Windsor, New Jersey. She claimed that she did not engage in prostitution, that the police officer who arrested her may not have understood her "broken English," and that she did not understand what took place at the court where the case was heard.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Ms. Jin's failure to disclose the arrest and conviction on her application constitutes misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:11-21(b).

2. The conduct underlying Ms. Jin's conviction on charges of prostitution constitutes an act of moral turpitude within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f) which relates adversely to the practice of massage and bodywork therapy. Ms. Jin's failure to disclose the conviction on her application constitutes an indication of lack of rehabilitation.

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure was entered on April 23, 2015, provisionally denying Ms. Jin's application, and barring any subsequent application for a period of three years. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to

finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record reflects that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order was delivered on April 30, 2015. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date. The Board determined that service had been effected, as the mailing had been sent to Ms. Jin's address of record with the Board. The Board further determined that as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY,

IT IS on this 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY of July, 2015,

ORDERED that:

1. Ms. Jin's application for licensure as a massage and bodywork therapist in the State of New Jersey is hereby denied. No subsequent application for licensure will be entertained for a period of four years, dating from the filing of this order. At

the time of any subsequent application for licensure, Ms. Jin shall be asked to demonstrate rehabilitation.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF  
MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

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